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Ms. Colleen Dale  
Secretary of the Commission  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
PO Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Dear Ms. Dale:

In accordance with 4 CSR 240-02.200 The Empire District Electric Company requests an increase in the Company's gross annual water revenues in the amount of \$522,835 or 38.13%.

Since our last rate increase in 2002, we have experienced increased operating expenses and have invested approximately \$1.4 million in improvements, upgrades, and additional extensions to meet the growing needs of our customers.

The required MOPSC annual assessment fees applicable to the Company have been paid in full.

The Company's 2004 Annual Report is on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission.

One copy of this letter is being furnished this date to the Office of Public Counsel.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Gibson

c: Office of the Public Counsel.